ACTION FORM

PROCEEDING Council Meeting

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Town Hall DATE SUBMITTED: 09/25/2020

PREPARED BY: Terry Tieman

SUBJECT: Request for Matching funds for Delaware Sea Grant Opportunity – Farmington and Indian Streets Drainage Projects

REFERENCE:

RELATED PROJECT:

REVIEWED BY: Terry Tieman

EXHIBITS: Engineering Estimate and Project Plans; Request for Proposals Community Economic Resilience Grant Program

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: \$59,957

AMOUNT BUDGETED: 0

FUNDING SOURCE (Dept./Page in CIP & Budget): Realty Transfer Tax Reserve \$30,000/Delaware Sea Grant College Program Community Economic Resilience Grant Program (\$30,000)

TIMETABLE:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve application for the grant and up to \$30,000 from RTT for matching funds.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

We are experiencing drainage issues on both Farmington and Indian Streets. These issues have been ongoing despite Town attempts to alleviate the problems. AECOM engineered drainage plans to resolve the issues. These were intended to be placed in the FY 2021 Capital Budget but were deferred due to the unknown impact of Coronavirus on revenue streams.

Delaware Sea Grant has issued a request for proposal for a Community Economic Resilience Grant Program. See the attached documents for detailed information. SERCAP (Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project) has approached the Town to partner with them in a grant application. SERCAP would manage the grant and make application on the Town's behalf. No funds have been committed at this point. We have issued a letter of intent to Sea Grant which was due on September 11, 2020. The final proposal is due on October 9, 2020 which is why this comes to you now.

Although, matching funds are not required, Council approval of a match would provide a competitive edge in obtaining a grant.

This supports the third goal of Identify and Improve Flooding and Drainage in Fenwick Island's Community Sustainability Plan.